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Flattery in flowers

You can guide your date

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AN EXCITED GIRL runs up the stairs two at a time carrying a corsage box. "Look at my flowers! Aren't they beautiful — just what I wanted."

How did she make sure that she'd receive the right flowers? She gave her date a few suggestions. You can easily do the same if you'll be ready when your date calls to ask what you're wearing. Your answer can include not only the color of your dress, but what kind of flowers are your favorites and how you expect to wear your corsage.

Even though the shoulder corsage is still popular, there's a variety of new flower arrangements to dramatize your dress. A corsage can be made for the wrist or hair, and flowers can be arranged in colonial bouquets and as chokers.

A wrist corsage may be on a plastic bracelet or tied with ribbons. An especially satisfactory wrist corsage has a fitted wire scroll at the wrist steadied with a ribbon tie farther up the arm. Since heavy wrist cor-

sages dangle and cause trouble while you're dancing, a lighter flower or fewer blooms are better.

A velvet ribbon studded with daisies or frenched carnations (the heart of the flower) looks well with strapless dresses. And a colonial bouquet to hold in your hand while dancing will especially suit you if you love pink and ruffles.

Borrowed from Spain

Flowers for the hair are a beloved custom borrowed from Spanish ladies. For long hair, there's a headband of small flowers. A head clip within the band holds the flowers securely. Or if you have a pony tail, your flowers can be arranged for it. A ribbon-covered head clip with three small rosebuds arranged on a flat bow on one side will add glamour to the short, close-cropped hair-do.

Take your choice of arrangements and flowers, too. The small girl will look best in small, dainty flowers such as tiny rosebuds or daisies, shatter carnations or a small camellia or cymbidium. A large corsage on a small woman looks weighty, makes her seem less important than the bouquet she's wearing.

Choose exotic flowers

The tall, striking woman needs her own special corsage, too. She'd look foolish in pink rosebuds, but big, fragrant gardenias she can wear with dash. Corsages of bold colors and exotic flowers are flattery made to order for you if you're tall.

In choosing your corsage, remember your date's billfold. A typical corsage, pin-on or for special wear, will cost between \$2.50 and \$3.50. However, it's not unusual for a date to spend \$5 or \$6. Orchids carry the highest price tag with white orchids costing as much as \$12.

Once you've helped select the right corsage, enjoy wearing it. With special care, your flowers will not only dress up your formal, but you can wear them for several more days to brighten the rest of your wardrobe.

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